

Preparing for School Success

For Bonnie Bremner, the start of each new school year meant new opportunities to help the children at KidsAbility School prepare for success.

From 2001 to 2008, Bonnie served as KidsAbility School's principal. "When Carol Shantz was planning to retire as principal, I was encouraged to apply for her position. My past experience working with therapists from KidsAbility in my schools in the Waterloo Region District School Board was amazing, so I knew this was a good fit," reflects Bonnie. "It was a wonderful opportunity and an extremely rewarding experience in my career in education."

In 2003, the K-W Rotary Children's Centre underwent a name change. Creating a new name for the Centre that also honoured the history of the Rotarians and the K-W Rotary Children's Centre was a memorable time for Bonnie.

The hope of continued sustainability for KidsAbility to meet the needs of children within Waterloo Region and Guelph-Wellington, while providing easy and timely services to families, hits home for Bonnie.

"My grandson received speech therapy at KidsAbility. Even though I was familiar with the services through the eyes as KidsAbility School principal, and now trustee, I had a new perspective seeing it through the eyes of his parents, and my eyes as a grandmother."

Bonnie is most proud of the dedicated and caring staff who work as a team with their expertise and innovation and most importantly how the School and KidsAbility's therapists, staff and volunteers work together in preparing children for school success. She simply says: "KidsAbility is an invaluable gem for families in our community".

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